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REFERENCES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

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REMARKS

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1. On the morning of 10 July 1953, 25 or 26 single-engine low-wing monoplanes, 5 jet aircraft and 1 biplane were observed at Toekael (Q 48/H. 40) airfield. There was no air activity. The single-engine low-wing monoplanes were parked south of the hangars along the eastern edge of the field. The jet aircraft were mid-wing monoplanes with considerable swept back wings and were parked on the northwestern edge. The air intake was in the nose and the air exhaust in the tail. The elevator assembly was fitted high on the high rudder assembly. The jet aircraft were fitted with nose wheels. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] A red Soviet star with a white circle in the middle was painted on the rudder assembly, directly underneath of the elevator assembly. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] but could not be definitely identified. No Soviet soldiers or motor vehicles were observed at the field or on the roads in its vicinity. Twenty-five men wearing coveralls were working on the aircraft.

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2. Source learned [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] that Soviet aircraft had been stationed only temporarily at Toekael airfield prior to late 1952 and that the presence of jets was also only temporary. The informant further said, that prior to late 1952, an average occupation of 10 Yak-9s, 30 Buecker-Betzmann, 18 Stormovik, and 2 Teve-type aircraft had been at the field and that the number of conventional aircraft (piston engines) did not change frequently.

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3. Toekael airfield measured about 2,500 meters from northwest to southeast and about 1,600 meters from northeast to southwest. There was a concrete runway, about 2,500 x 50 meters. There was a taxiway at the southeastern end, which extended to the west and to the east. A hangar, about 70 x 30 meters, was located northeast of the point where the taxiway branched off. North of the hangar were several low buildings. The entrance to the field was in the northeastern corner. An installation about 70 meters long, similar to a target range with a target butt, about 4 meters high, was observed in the southwestern section of the field. Apparently an antenna system, of which no details could be observed, was located in the northwestern corner of the field. The southeastern and southwestern borders of the field had a barbed

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wire fence on concrete poles. Sentries patrolled on the inside of this fence. The northwestern section of the field and the other borders could not be observed. The landing field was covered with grass. Black humus was observed along the southwestern edge. Flight obstacles in the vicinity of the field probably, were the church tower and the mill in Toekael and a factory in Szigetszentmiklos (Q 48/H 40).¹

4. The following motor vehicles were observed near Kenyeri airfield at about 6 p.m. on 7 July. An old 3-ton ZIS truck [redacted] with an 25X1 open and empty superstructure, just south of Kenyeri (P 48/Y 00), on the road which extends from the southeast toward Kenyeri. A Soviet driver was in the truck. Another 3-ton truck [redacted] with driver wearing black-25X1 bordered blue epaulets, was observed at the point where the approach road from the airfield meets with the main road which leads from Kenyeri to the southeast. There was also an old red ZIS tank truck [redacted] with a Soviet driver, on the main road toward the northwest just north of Czelldoemoelk (P 48/D 19).⁴

25X1 5. [redacted] stated that jet aircraft of the Hungarian Air Force were temporarily stationed at Budapest-Ferihegy (Q 48/H 61) airfield.³

25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] Toekael airfield 25X1 is occupied by Soviet Air Force details charged with the distribution of MiG-15s which arrive from the US:R via Kummadaras. Also with the re-training of Hungarian pilots in jet fighters. The airfield is also believed to be occupied by a Hungarian Air Force unit, probably a training unit. The information on the size, location and status of the airfield agrees with previous reports. [redacted] 25X1

25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. According to available information and the present report, Kenyeri airfield is occupied by a Soviet Air Force unit. The type of the unit has not been determined.

25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. According to available information, Ferihegy airfield is not occupied by a Hungarian jet fighter unit. It is, however, believed possible that Hungarian jet units are temporarily stationed there.

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